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IN the States the tendency seems to be in
the direction of shortening the term of
instruction required in order to gain academic
degrees. President Eliot, of Harvard, partly
favors this idea. In his recent annual report
he seems to think it advisable to shorten the
ordinary college course, especially for those
who contemplate entering university depart-
ments and professional schools. He strongly
urges that admission to such advanced classes
should be open only to those who have pre-
viously obtained an academic degree.

With the latter part of his suggestion we can
agree, but we do not think that the trend of
opinion in Canada is in line with his plan of
shortening the ordinary college course. In
fact the tendency in our own universities and
colleges is in the opposite direction, and only
recently the medical course has been made a
four year course instead of three, unless the
matriculant has obtained a degree in Arts.

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Much may be said against making a medical,
law or divinity course longer for a student who
has no degree than for one who has, but we
think that the experience of most institutions
of note will warrant the former plan.
Of course the possession of a Bachelor's di-
ploma does not always mean fitness for higher

study, but it certainly has a meaning in that
direction, and as long as the arts or college
course is kept out to its full length and up to
its best standard, that meaning will be more
and more marked.

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In Columbia College, a student upon finish-
ing his junior year may enter at once upon the
work of any of the university departments,
and upon completing his first year's work there
he receives his academic degree. In other
words, the first year of professional study is
allowed to count also as the fourth and last
year of academic or arts work. In certain
cases this plan might be desirable, but we
think that the witness of professional men
generally will bear us out in saying that the
years of college training are not wasted, and
the more of them we can take the better it
will be. No stronger testimony to the fact is
needed in our own college than the return of
men who have already spent seven years in
arts and theological work, to take a course of
special lectures in the middle of the ses-
sion. This we have seen in our Theological
Alumni. And with such an example before
us we would be loath to see the college course
reduced to three years under any consider-
ation.

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We must bear in mind, however, when criti-
cising our neighbours across the line that their
college year is longer than our own and
hence such suggestions appeal to them differ-
ently from what they do to us. A college year at
any of the first rate colleges in the States
extends from middle of September till last of
June, nine and a half months. Four years
thus means 38 months actual work. With us
the college year is from October to May, seven
months, and four years thus means with us
28 months actual work. It appears then that
three years in the American college is really a
trifle longer than four years in the Canadian
College. Recognizing this difference, how-
ever, we still hope that the full length of time

for obtaining a degree will continue as in the past, for it certainly means a higher standard of scholarship and a better class of professional men.

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The stereotyped advice to a freshman is "not to rush into an honour course," and seldom has such good advice been so badly treated as in this case. We believe in the truth of the advice, and think that for at least three-fourths of the students it is a decided mistake to take honours. The pass work (especially course 1) is an admirable "liberal education." There is plenty of *work* there for the greatest genius, and it gives a symmetry to the student's culture which is attained by few honour men. Queen's is said to be modelled after Glasgow University, but the options and honours have so changed the curriculum that this is true only as regards the methods of taking examinations. There you must take Latin, Greek, English, Philosophy, Mathematics and Physics, each for two years, and if you are anxious for hard work you may take honours in any one or all of them, but *no exemptions* are allowed for doing so.

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Here, large exemptions are allowed and the student is often ignorant of all branches but one or two. For example, in courses 9, 10, 12 and 13 the student is required to take only *one* senior class in Latin, Greek, English and Philosophy. Now when we consider, what is universally admitted, that in our Canadian Colleges the first year work in three of these subjects is merely preparatory it will be seen that a student can write M.A. after his name with really no college training in Latin, Greek or English. But the exemptions made are by no means the worst feature about it. The student is allowed to specialize from the first year and knowing that he *must* do his honour work he slights his other subjects as much as possible and "crams" them just before examination. That this is largely so no one acquainted with student life can deny; students very often specialize on one or two subjects from the high school and "liberal arts" becomes a misnomer.

We have always thought that an *honour* course is a special study for a student of exceptional merit or one with marked gifts on

some particular subject, but here the "pass man" is the exception. To find the numerical ratio between the two classes let us take the senior year, where much experience and April storms has bred a conservative spirit, and what do we find? From a fairly good knowledge of that class we get the following:—Of those looking forward to graduation twenty-four are for honours and ten pass, whilst the intentions of a number more are unknown to the writer. These figures fairly state the proportion for the University, *i. e.*, of the proper under-graduates two-thirds are honour students.

This is, to say the least, surprising. What is the cause? The Education Department with its insatiable demand for specialists must bear much of the blame, but a large share must lie nearer home.

Professors naturally place a high estimate on their own subjects and rarely do we hear of them advising a student even of less than average ability not to take honours in it. Men plucked in the ordinary pass work can and do go on to honours in the same subject. We have repeatedly heard men say they were going to take honours as they didn't think they could ever pass certain classes in the pass course. No doubt such persons find out their mistake, but only after a bitter experience which might be spared them.

Why might not a certain standard be required of students before entering on honour work, say a first class work on the corresponding pass subjects? This is actually the case in some of our colleges and apparently works well, for it has the two-fold effect of showing the high requirements and of preventing one from specializing till his second or third year. Such a measure as this would, we think, be very beneficial in Queen's.

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"WHAT AND HOW TO PREACH." Alexander Oliver, B.A., D.D., (Edinburgh.)

As its title indicates, this is a book of advice. Now advice is cheap, but this seems really sound and the result of experience.

The book is divided into sections, as the matter of it was first delivered in a series of lectures to the students of the United Presbyterian College, Edinburgh. The headings of these sections give a hint as to the contents of the book:

1. The christian ministry: its duties and difficulties.
2. The matter and form of preaching.
3. The manner of preaching.
4. Choice and treatment of texts.
5. Variety in the pulpit.
6. Speculative difficulties in the pulpit.

All these themes are handled with practical good sense and so as to instruct and interest.

Some of the anecdotes related in illustration of the bad styles of preaching are very rich. The writer holds up high aims before his hearers and evidently feeling his responsibility he has weighed his words well, giving an impression throughout of seriousness of intention.

No student for the ministry especially, nor even any well-informed person not of that stamp, can read this book attentively without advantage.

✦Literature.✦

In the clear, quiet night when all is still,
And the soft moonbeams on my window sill
In thro' the silken veil of frost do peep,
And nature all is wrapped in gentle sleep,
I think of thee.

When my eyes creep beneath their drowsy lids
And further musing nature's law forbids,
Our troubles all depart at sleep's request
And wandering thoughts fly far to those loved best,
I dream of thee.

In the bright mom twixt dreams and thoughts I lie,
And see the dreamland figures fade and die,
And yours like the queen of fairies past me go,
In my first consciousness my thoughts I know
Are fixed on thee.

And thro' the day, 'mid all its busy strife,
And every day and hour throughout my life,
E'en when cold death puts forth her ruthless claim
And drags me on into her dark domain,
I'll think of thee.

POET, '94.

AFTER EXAMINATIONS.

(May 10th, 1892.)

"Cease from the maddening rush of eager life!"
Old Nature cries with voices manifold;
Deep inward intimations, too, cry—"Hold!"
The soul is fainting 'mid the feverish strife."

Oh, fill the ear with melodies of spring,
Spontaneous expressions of deep joy.
Let fluty pipings now thy sense employ;
Come, join the glad some chorus, shout and sing!

Oh, feed the eye, with green varying hue,
Waving and sighing to the southern breeze,
And flickering shadows gleaming thro' the trees,
And islands, floating in eternal blue.—M. F.

✦College News.✦

A. M. S.

THERE being no Hockey Match of importance there was a fair attendance at the meeting. The question of the lost robes was again discussed and finally settled by the society agreeing to pay for them, and it is generally hoped that the society has heard the last of them unless of their recovery.

Mr. Reid sent in a bill which it seemed belonged to the ex-decoration committee and the ex-chairman was asked to explain matters at the next meeting.

Professor Connery intends to hold a contest in Elocution, and the society will be asked at next meeting to give some aid in the matter. A small sum of money is asked for prizes. A notice of motion was also given that the society bear the expense of changing the cut in the JOURNAL. The President made a very important ruling in the receiving of reports, bills and communications, which, if followed out, will do away with senseless motions to receive them after they have been read to the society. There being no other business the Mock Parliament held its second session. The speaker, for reasons known only to himself, said that the ordinary practice of opening the house with prayer would be no longer followed.

The principal motion introduced was the subsidizing of a fast atlantic steanship service. This called forth several stormy addresses, in which the house nearly forgot the dignity of the chair, which the speaker with some difficulty managed to retain.

Several of the graduates from Divinity Hall attended and kept the meeting from lagging. However, it would be a good plan if the leaders got some new men to prepare speeches and so accustom themselves to speaking.

W. M. C. NOTES.

On account of the Sunday afternoon meetings in Convocation Hall, the Y. W. C. A. meetings will be held every Friday in the ladies' room at Queen's, instead of on alternate Fridays and Sundays.

The monthly missionary meeting was held Feb. 8th. Misses Ward and McCallum read

letters from India, and Misses Topliff and Symington gave short addresses.

Two weeks ago Miss Clara Ryan, '93, gave a lecture to the city W.C.T.U. in the Y.W.C.A. rooms.

Ash Wednesday was not a holiday in the College on account of the nearness of the spring exams. One student, and that one a Presbyterian, took it all the same.

DIVINITY HALL.

For the man who has taken only the ordinary pass course in classics the fine points in Greek and Latin do not have any significance. As we read the Greek New Testament in the Class of N. T. Exegesis, and the Septuagint in the Class for the study of O. T. Exegesis, the old question of the wisdom of so much time being given to such study on the part of men not specialists comes up ever and again—but such notions savor of heresy. The study of the Holy Book in its English dress and of the best commentaries on it could be more quickly done and perhaps with more and more lasting benefit to the students. But—whither is our rashness driving us? We must pull up.

Quietness almost as of somnolence reigns supreme in the Hall of the divines. Even John Muirhead feels the subtle spell and is silent. We can say no more than this: The approaching examinations make men serious and contemplative.

We look for the Alumni around the Halls, but they are not. We enjoyed their visit though. One could not but be struck with the sight of them sitting attendant at the various lectures. Truth is one, and we and they listened with pleasure, similar in kind, different in degree, to the same teaching. Their minds no doubt recurred to the days when as students with fresh thirst for truth they sat there, while our thoughts rushed forward as we looked onward to an active career in the world's activities, and to such pauses for "a draught of the brook that runneth in the way."

Your correspondent feels that it would be well if the theologues could get together more for the discussion of such topics as come up naturally in their distinctive work. Our professors have so much to do that one does not

like to interrupt them by questions too much. In our conferences as students we would not be so pressed for time, and could be more free to unburden our souls and help each other. Papers might be read, subjects discussed, etc., with all freedom.

It is a good thing that so many divinities are taking part in the work of the Mock Parliament. This is right. It breaks down the false barriers that are sometimes erected between them and the rest of the college. The pronounced distinction between sacred and secular we have been told lately is a relic of barbarism, a remnant of the bad influence of the middle ages.

Several of the boys are sick. Too much work, perhaps.

THE DIVINITY.



AS HE IS.

AS HE SHOULD BE.

GRADUATING MEDICALS.

It is now our painful duty to take leave of the Class of '93. Though we rejoice with them that they have nearly reached the promised land, we cannot but regret the exit of a class so unique for diversity of size, capacity and piety.

Wherever they may go we feel that we can safely trust the reputation and honor of the Royal in their hands, that they will take with

them the same kindness, goodfellowship and ability that has characterized their college course and reflect credit on themselves, their Alma Mater and the medical profession. As we take leave of them one by one we will bury the evil they have done in the pages of the JOURNAL and let them take the good with their bones to the four quarters of the earth.

R. S. Minnes came to the Royal with a Mathematical M.A. and a face distinctly sweet and girlish. Both of these he retains on leaving, although his faith in his theory of probabilities has been steadily waning since his presidential campaign last autumn.

During his stay he has taught us no evil habits, but instead from his place in the Y. M. C. A. he has impressed us with the belief that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," especially his little pills.

In his career he has had the privilege of sticking labels for Dr. Fenwick, and of dispensing paregoric and sweet smiles in the hospital. There he was a general favorite, so much so that the freshmen enquire whether he has adopted any of the little ones in the children's ward.

Whilst enjoying the privileges of this position his nautical propensities asserted themselves and he became a faithful devotee of Neptune, whom, we believe, he would have followed to the uttermost parts of the earth.

But although he escaped the Scylla of that worthy old sea-god rumor has it that he has fallen into the Charybdis set by Venus, how far we don't wish to say for he is yet young, you know, and withal a goodly lad.

J. E. Murphy. "So long as I have a right arm" I could not pass by Joe without some remarks. He could not submit to such indignity. With two other "wise men from the east" he came here in '89. His first two years were uneventful. In his third year he was appointed Demonstrator of Anatomy, and by energy and ability won the house surgeoncy in the hospital for his final year.

During the summers he has not been idle but saw many grand cases of rare diseases.

In his wanderings he met actinomycetes with whom he became well acquainted. He has been a good student and has taken great interest in the meetings of the Æsculapian

Society. Joe will be greatly missed on the tug of war team, in the college and at the hospital.

Benj. F. Black is one of those worthies of whom the world knows all too little. He is a nice, modest, blushing young man with some "hair on the top of his head."

His time here has been so much occupied by scientific research that he has avoided all college societies except the venerable Conensus Iniquitatis et Virtutis. His career as medical expert of this society has won for him a place among the stars of his profession. During his term of office he has written a treatise on "hob-nailed liver and its relation to bottled oratory." In this he assures us that he has discovered earpet tacks in the pancreatic juice, gall in the freshman's cheek, and Gilliverdine in the vitreous humor of the female eye.

Politically, he believes in encouraging home industry, the division and assistance of labor, mutual and perineal protection and a tax on single men, with the liberty of the press.

As a physician he advocates the preservation of the three unities—ease, fame and fee.

Religiously, he inclines to the doctrine of total depravity and the advent of the millennial morn on July 1st, 1893, when clad in his sheepskin he shall be commissioned to go forth in the strength of his garb bringing about the survival of the fittest. Even so mought it be, "Bin."

John A. Locke can, without much stretching of the truth, be called the dude of '93, as he is a model from the gold-rimmed glasses down to the cuffs on his boots. He is very conservative in his views and detests the bringing in of Japs who monopolise every Rose in reach. Jaek was in the habit of taking Cunning—little walks to Portsmouth, but, since going into the Allen Line partnership, Malcolm says he must Leavitt alone. During lecture hours Johnie pays strict attention to business, but when dining his talks on love and matrimony generally entice him to some new shrine in the evenings, when he is sometimes rudely brought back to consciousness by a hospital call. It is with pleasure we wish him success in the profession and know that he will not be long in obtaining the \$25,000, as he does all things "well."

John J. Gibson, familiarly known as Bill Nye, from his more than fancied resemblance to that illustrious individual, looks out through his spectacles benevolently upon all who come within his range of vision. He came from his Perth-place to our college, fully determined to face all obstacles, and to overcome each in its turn, and we know that success will crown his efforts where true merit is at par. John made a very eloquent speech at our dinner, in connection with the toast to the ladies, but we think that if any ladies had been present, he could not have been pulled into position by a clove-hitch and pulleys. We heard that in his second year the tendrils of his affectionate heart entwined themselves around the image of a lovely young lady in town, but alas for human hopes, the spell was rudely broken and he has been looking for balm ever since and we heard that he found it in the K.G.H. In spite of his excessive bashfulness and capacity for blushing, his head is chuck full of knowledge and that he is popular is shown by the fact that he is chosen valedictorian for his class. Long life to him and we hope that his career will be as shining as his head.

W. George Malcolm comes next. He entered college four years ago a mild-eyed youth and is so still unless his hair is stroked the wrong way, when he becomes wild eyed and vengeful. George is rather a good boy, and has not succumbed to any of the evil influences which surround the medical student. He is studying hard on the Bell system and sometimes does a little practice taking his pay out like the others. At our last dinner he did not care to respond to the toast of "the ladies" on account of an affection of the heart, so he said. Very peculiar, George, but we know how it is ourselves, even if we are not so bashful, and hope that your case is not incurable. He has held offices in the Esculapian Society and the Y.M.C.A., has been a faithful and industrious student, and if his treatment of all diseases is as effective and radical as his treatment of diseases of the heart, he will, no doubt, get a large and lucrative practice.

C. W. Minchell, S.O.A., came to us in '91 from Trinity, where, having spent two years,

he learned everything worthy of note in that institution. Even in his boyhood down on the farm he showed a great aptitude for mechanics, and, it is said, so modified the ordinary plow that he frequently turned from twelve to fifteen acres of sod per day. Since entering college he has so modified Sheep's Traction Forceps as to make them a great favorite with the boys. Although cautious and conservative in most things his treatment of fevers is heroic and bold. He strongly advocates half dram doses of Aconite frequently repeated. During the greater part of the winter he has acted as physician to the Asylum during the absence of the resident physician. C. W. has been a steady and faithful student as the results of his exams. show. Always good-natured and happy. He will be missed by both professors and boys next year.

MUTATIONS.

Now that the Conference of Theological Alumni is a thing of the past, we thought that it would be interesting for our readers to have some account of the changes that have taken place in recent years, as they appeared to some of those who were, for a brief space, with us again.

In response to the JOURNAL's request, Roderick McKay, B.A. 1881, B.D. 1886, has kindly sent us the following expression of his views. Next week we hope to give those of some others:

I was about to write "*tempora mutantur*," &c., but shrank from the certain response "*chestnuts*." Therefore let times mutate as they may, we shall notice a few of the mutations of Queen's during a brief seven years. Firstly, the little state-rooms, encircling hall and corridor, in which the students have the privilege for twenty-five cents a session, of locking themselves up daily, as to their gowns, caps, rubbers and books. A very excellent improvement upon the general cloak-room, in which gowns speedily become transformed into rags. Secondly, we notice the taste for English. In our times the languages of Tacitus and Herodotus, of Virgil and Homer were most sought after. Now Wordsworth and Browning, Carlyle and Ruskin, and even Scott and Dickens attract the students of

Queen's. How 'commonplace'! that books in our own vernacular should be considered worthy of attention. Let the philosopher seek the cause of this; I am only concerned with the fact. Thirdly (I arrange the items in the order in which things are found in a boy's pocket), the ladies. Not a single pair, as in my earlier days, meekly entering the class-room after the males are seated, and vanishing at the first sound of the Janitor's bell; hut regiments and phalanxes, marching through halls and class-rooms, with the confidence of those indigenous to the soil. Let the philosopher in this case answer the question—*cui bono?* Fourthly, the diffusion of "consciousness." In former times strictly confined the philosophy room, it has now invaded English, Political Science and Theology. There are fears that it may reach the classical room. So long as Mathematics escape, there is hope for Queen's. I shall not say 'fifthly'; but remark generally a few other changes: "The tinkling of the silver bell" in contrast with the old jarring gong; the Science Hall in contrast with nothing; the advance (some would call it retrogression) in Theological thought; the increased accommodation for students, in books, class-rooms, professors; the increased number of students. As to their individual excellency, we must again commit the matter to the philosopher.

HOCKEY.

PETERBOROUGH VS. QUEEN'S.

This match was played on Tuesday, 21st inst., and resulted in a victory for Queen's by a score of 14 goals to 2. The match was one-sided and uninteresting to the spectators, but the pretty combination play of the home team was much admired. In the last half Queen's simply played with them, and scored as often as they wished. The personnel of the teams was as follows:—

PETERBOROUGH.—Wasson, Sawyers, Carmichael, Montgomery (Capt.), Phelan, Wonham and Ritchie.

QUEEN'S.—Giles, Curtis (Capt.), Taylor, Waldron, Weatherhead, Rayside and McLennan.

REFEREE.—E. Cunningham.

On Friday next the hockey team will travel to Toronto to play Ottawa. The action of the Executive in ordering this match to be played in Toronto is incomprehensible, but probably

the people of Toronto wish to see one good match in a season. The match should surely have been played in Kingston, as Queen's played in Ottawa last year.

On Saturday night Queen's will cross sticks with 'Varsity.

COLLEGE NOTES.

What have the curators of the reading room done with the picture of last year's JOURNAL staff? It is hoped the picture was not sold with the frame.

D. McG. Gandier, '94, had to leave for home last week on account of his health.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Watson, who has been very ill, is now much better.

Say, boys, aren't there a lot of these Alumni's,—Er, no, I mean Alumuses.—Il—t.

McDonald, '94, (studying how to raise a lady student who had slipped on the ice). Why do the girls wear these unhandy circulars anyway?

Lady at the rink (admiring Purdy's fine beard). I suppose that's one of the Alumni. Where does he preach?

Evidently the Freshman class is not without its champions in the pugilistic sphere. It was rather exciting to see a Freshman with apparent ease knock out three or four city loungers who attempted to make things disagreeable for him on his way to and from College. No longer would they have gathered around that frequented corner on Barrie St. had not the peace-making hand of a Divinity arrested the hand of the courageous Freshman and saved his opponents from severe, if not fatal, injuries.

We generally notice that the Committee of the Y.M.C.A. is not so lively as the officers of the Court in putting a class room in its right condition after a meeting. Chairs are generally left for days. It is no inspiration to a Professor to see his room upside down.

A late improvement introduced into the College postal service goes far towards solving the difficulty of distribution. A card is hung up each day with a list of all mail in the office, so that a man can tell at a glance whether there is anything for him or not.

At Kingston, on Nov. 29th, 1892, T. J. Glover, of the Class of '94, was married to Miss Jennie Williams, of Napanee Mills. '94 has now a quartette of married men. Can any other year in the College show as good a record?

We are glad to learn that R. A. Croskery, '94, who has been ill with fever for the last month has so far recovered as to be able to leave the hospital, and hopes to resume his studies in a short time.

The regular meeting of '94 was held on February 9th, and though the attendance was not so large as usual, the meeting proved to be one of the most interesting held this session. Harry Mooers was on hand as usual with some good instrumental music, the Glee Club sang a couple of choruses and M. B. Tudhope a comic song, J. W. Mitchell gave one of his popular recitations and R. Asselstine gave a reading. Each member present had to speak for one minute on a subject selected by the President. As there are now five members who are known to be married, besides a number of suspects, a committee was appointed to ascertain the true number of married men in the year, and to suggest to them the advisability of giving an oyster supper to their *less fortunate* (?) classmates.

Prof. Campbell, who is to give the Sunday afternoon address to-morrow is the students' favorite in Montreal College. He is a scholar of great education, and a teacher well abreast of the times. As "The Talker" of the Presbyterian College *Journal* he is a characteristic and versatile writer, and we always turn first to his talks on books when the *Journal* comes to hand.

Hon. Speaker McRae (with uplifted hand). The 71 gentlemen must preserve the dignity and decorum of the House.

Our new janitor seems to keep things running in fairly good order. He seems to have more regard for the ladies than John, as he was noticed one day holding the door open for several to pass.

M. Fergusson (after the Winnipeg-Queen's hockey match). Say, Mc., did you win anything?

Mc.—Yes, a little.

M. F.—Will you lend me 50c.

The photo galleries will be busy on Saturday, as we see that the staff, the Alma Mater Society, and the Senior year are to be photographed.

Who betrayed us and gave an account of our peanut social?—The Levana Society.

The students of the University certainly appreciate a good thing, as shown by the large number present at the performance of Macbeth on Friday night. The attention given in the most critical parts was not the best as is shown by the following:

Lady Macbeth—"That which hath made them drunk hath made me bold."

B—ty Baker (to less informed friend in a stage whisper)—"He's in killing the King now."

Lady M.— "He is about it."

J. S. Rayside—"He's a-doin' of it, 'father.'"

The remnants of '92 intend to show that they are yet alive, and on Saturday will take their annual drive in the country.

Mr. Lampman's lecture on Keats last Thursday evening was a rare literary treat. We are sorry so many of the students should have missed it.

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